

### REMARKS

Presently, claims 1-2, 5-15, and 19-22 are pending. Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12 and 14 have been amended; claims 5, 9, 10, 15, 19 and 20-22 have been canceled, as a result, claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 11-14 are now pending in this application. Of these, claim 1 is independent. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action of August 8, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the Applicants' reply to the final office action of April 17, 2006 was considered but found to be unpersuasive.

In the final office action of April 17, 2006 the Examiner indicated that claims 10-14 contain allowable subject matter and would be in condition for allowance if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of their base claims. Applicants have amended the claims, as suggested by the Examiner. As such, Applicants believe that the pending claims, as presented, are allowable. On August 17, 2006, during a telephone conversation with Mr. Jeffrey J. Barclay, the Examiner agreed that the claims, as amended, are allowable and agreed to enter this amendment.

It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claims, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claims does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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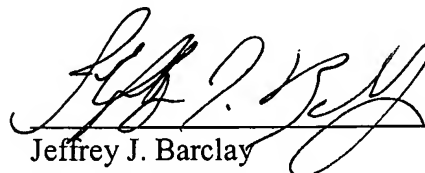
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